



**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

June 8, 2015

**City Hall Kiva Forum
3839 N. Drinkwater Blvd
Scottsdale, AZ 85251**

PRESENT: Bob Fox, Chair (telephonic)
James Campbell, Vice-Chair
Laurie Coe, Commissioner
Ragan Grossman, Commissioner
Andrew Song, Commissioner (arrived 5:10 p.m.)
Ricoh Danielson, Commissioner

ABSENT: Lonny Ruben, Commissioner

STAFF: Sharon Cini, Diversity Liaison
Adam Yaron, Long Range Planning
Sara Javoronok, Project Coordination Liaison

GUESTS: Florita Campbell

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

Vice-Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Members were present as indicated above

1. Approval of Minutes

COMMISSIONER COE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MAY 11, 2015 HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER GROSSMAN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0). COMMISSIONER RUBEN WAS ABSENT AND COMMISSIONER SONG WAS NOT YET PRESENT.

2. Public Comment

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

3. Presentation, discussion and recommendations on Community Involvement and Healthy Community elements of the Draft General Plan

Attachment A - Community Involvement

Attachment B - Housing

Attachment C – Healthy Community

Attachment D - Implementation

Sara Javoronok, Project Coordination Liaison, gave a presentation outlining the General Plan 2035 process and content of the document. Her presentation included discussion about the background of the General Plan to date and an overview of areas of the General Plan of particular interest to the Human Relations Commission.

The General Plan has 22 elements, four of which are new and two of which are state required elements. Energy and neighborhood preservation and revitalization are the state required elements. Five elements are unique to the City of Scottsdale: Character and design; arts, culture, and creative community; community involvement; healthy community; and economic vitality. The plan's vision statement and community aspirations were developed through the Visioning Town Hall held in early 2013.

Ms. Javoronok discussed the four elements of interest to the Human Relations Commission: Community Involvement, Housing, Healthy Community, and Implementation.

The General Plan is scheduled to go to Planning Commission for a final work study session on June 10th, 2015 and a City Council work study session is scheduled for June 9th, 2015. Additional community open houses are scheduled for fall, a final public hearing with the Planning Commission in October, and the plan will be presented to City Council for possible final adoption in December. If adopted, the General Plan will go to a public vote in November of 2016.

Commission members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Ms. Javoronok explained that in the event the General Plan does not pass a vote in 2016, the City would continue to use the 2001 General Plan and would continue to work towards the necessary changes to adopt another General Plan. Adam Yaron, Long Range Planning, explained that the three-day visioning process was intended to gain perspective on what growth means to the various areas of Scottsdale. The Task Force recommended a more concise vision than was previously provided. Discussion ensued regarding various aspects of the General Plan including how it relates to various groups. Ms. Cini noted that there are several areas that would be of interest to Human Relations behind tab three.

4. Presentation, discussion and recommendations to staff liaison regarding possible Civil Dialogue community education series topic in June 2015

Commissioner Coe explained that One Community withdrew from the event scheduled for June 25th, because they were advised by their legal counsel not to participate in the Civil Dialogue Series because it would not be a fair playing field. Commissioner Song clarified that the event was planned based on the overwhelming need for the civil discussion and promotion of diversity. Commissioner Grossman noted that she is not in favor of having an event focusing on one side or the other. She felt that an event should result in the collection of data that could be presented to City Council.

COMMISSIONER COE MOVED THAT THE CIVIL DIALOGUE EVENT SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 25, 2015 BE CANCELLED. CHAIR FOX SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). COMMISSIONER RUBEN WAS ABSENT.

Florita Campbell suggested that those businesses and individuals who could be impacted by an ordinance be invited to participate in a Civil Dialogue with the two extreme sides. She felt that having only the two opposing views represented at a Civil Dialogue event would not have a positive result.

5. Staff updates regarding upcoming diversity events and activities

Ms. Cini said that the Office of Communications and the City Manager's office is implementing the Unity Pledge outreach plan. A flyer will be included in the utility bill in June and July and they hope to place advertisements in the Arizona Republic and/or the Scottsdale Tribune encouraging people to take the pledge. She announced that the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Celebration Day is upcoming and all are invited to attend.

Three Commission members and several City staff enjoyed attending the Positively Powerful Women event.

Ms. Cini confirmed that the Human Services Commission did send forward to Council a recommendation that they adopt a non-discrimination ordinance that includes the LGBT community. She will provide more information as it is available.

6. Report from the Chair

Chair Fox commented that the initial recommendation from the HRC to Council to adopt an ordinance seemed to have been perceived as a solution looking for a problem. He asked that Commission members consider options for conveying to Council that there is a problem regarding fair treatment of LGBT community members in Scottsdale. He asked that a discussion be put on a future agenda.

7. Commissioner Items

Vice-Chair Campbell said that he attended the Positively Women Conference and felt that it was very moving. Commissioners Coe and Song also attended.

Commissioner Song asked that all of the Commission members take the summer as an opportunity to approach any business leaders they know about participating in the Unity Pledge. He said that he recently attended an event which highlighted Korean political leadership, noting that the first Korean mayor, the Mayor of Irvine, California, was the keynote speaker. He invited Commission members to attend the Korean War Veterans appreciation luncheon on June 13th, 2015.

Commissioner Grossman mentioned the news report about an LGBT member getting kicked out of an establishment in Tempe. She was interested in seeing what repercussions come to the business owner as a result of Tempe's ordinance.

Chair Fox noted that he, Ms. Cini, Commissioner Song and Commissioner Coe attended the session at the North Scottsdale Community Church on LGBT issues.

8. Discussion regarding the draft agenda for the next meeting, and dates, times and topics for upcoming meetings.

Ms. Cini said that the next meeting will be on Monday, August 10. Agenda items will include discussion of how to get dialogue regarding LGBT issues to Council, the Unity Pledge, and the Civil Dialogue Series.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
A/V Tronics, Inc. DBA AVTranz